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THE FOL MSG REC'D FM SONGKHLA SENT ACTION TO BKK DTD 26 JAN 78
RPT FOR YR ACTION

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SUBJ: LATEST REFUGEE ARRIVALS

1. TWENTY-EIGHT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARRIVED JAN 25 AND ANOTHER
NINE ARRIVED ON JAN 26 MAKING A TOTAL OF 667 REFUGEES IN CAMP AS
OF JAN 26.

2. THE 28 LEFT BEN TRE ON JAN 12 IN A BOAT SO NEW IT HAD NO
NUMBER THEY REACHED SINGAPORE ON JAN 16 WHERE MINOR REPAIRS
WERE MADE AND FUEL AND PROVISIONS TAKEN ON BEFORE LEAVING FOR
THAILAND. REACHED PATTANI FOUR DAYS LATER AND WERE TAKEN INTO CUS-
TODY BY THE POLICE UNTIL THEY WERE SENT TO SONGKHLA ON JAN 25.

3. THE NINE LEFT CAMAU ABOUT JAN 8 IN A 8 METER LONG SAMPAN.
SEVEN DAYS OUT AT SEA WITH BROKEN ENGINE THE REFUGEES WERE SIGHTED
BY A THAI FISHING VESSEL. THE THAIS PUT THEM IN SAMPAN ATTACHED
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TO THE BOAT IN ORDER NOT TO BREAK THAI REGULATIONS FORBIDDING THAI
FISHERMEN FROM PICKING UP VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AT SEA. TWO DAYS
LATER THEY WERE PUT ASHORE IN SAIBURI DISTRICT OF PATTANI, WHERE
THE REFUGEES REMAINED UNTIL THE POLICE TRANSFERRED THEM TO SONGKHLA
ON JAN 26.

4. IN BOTH THESE CASES THE REFUGEES SAID THAT THEY WERE WELL

TREATED BY THE THAIS, WHO SEEMED VERY FRIENDLY TOWARDS THEM. THIS IS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE TREATMENT OF THE SEVEN WHOSE TALE WAS TOLD TO THE REFUGEE TEAM DURING THEIR JAN 22-25 STAY IN SONGKHLA.

5. LIST OF NAMES AND RELATIONS IN US BEING SENT SEPTTEL. SIGNED
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